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In re Application of :
Thomas von Ronn et al. :
Serial No. 10/728,667 : DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: December 8, 2003 : TO MAKE SPECIAL
For: DISPENSING DEVICE :

Applicant's petition, filed December 8, 2003, seeks to have this application made special pursuant to the Accelerated Examination Program. The petition is GRANTED.

The petition has been reviewed and is found to be in compliance with the requirements for special status as set forth in Section 708.02(VIII) of the Manual of Patent Examining Procedures (MPEP).

Applicant is advised that the examiner's search will be restricted to the subject matter encompassed by the claims. In the event that the application receives a first action rejection, applicant is encouraged to arrange for an interview with the examiner, and to provide the examiner with a working copy of any proposed amendment one working day prior to the interview. Any amendment filed in response to a first action rejection which would require broadening of the field of search will be treated as an improper response.

PETITION GRANTED.

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